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1. HAVING RECEIVED 170 RESPONSES TO ITS INVITATION TO QUALIFY FOR RECEIPT OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR NEW CITY (REFTELS), JORDAN'S HOUSING CORPORATION HAS PREPARED LIST OF 38 INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES AND CONSORTIA WHO CORPORATION HAS DETERMINED ARE QUALIFIED FOR PLANNING AND DESIGN. IN MARCH 3 LETTER ADDRESSED TO THESE 38 INDIVIDUAL FIRMS AND CONSORTIA, HOUSING CORPORATION HAS REQUESTED THAT THEY, SUBMIT WITH THEIR OFFER FOR PURPOSES OF SELECTION

AND COMPARISON, A PROPOSED PRELIMINARY DESIGN SHOWING THE LAND-USE POLICY AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE NEW TOWN IN THE GENERAL CONTEXT OF THE AMMAN REGION, IN THE VERY BEST CRITERIA OF THE TOWNSHIP DESIGN FOR THIS SORT OF SATELLITE TOWNS, AND ALSO SHOWING THE CONCEPTION OF THE PROPOSED SKYLINE DESIGN OF THIS TOWN."

(PURPOSE OF THESE PARTICULAR REQUIREMENTS IS TO ASSIST IN SELECTION OF ABOUT 12 COMPANIES FOR SHORTLIST.) ENCLOSED WITH MARCH 3 LETTER ARE SCOPE OF WORK, TOPOGRAPHIC MAP OF SITE, AND LOCATION MAP. LETTER ALSO INDICATES THAT: A) "OFFERS AND DRAWINGS" MUST BE

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SUBMITTED TO TENDERS SECTION, JORDAN HOUSING CORPORATION BEFORE 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON MAY 2, 1977. B) OFFERS MUST INDICATE LOCAL CONSULTING FIRM WITH WHOM FOREIGN FIRMS ARE PARTICIPATING, AND C) HOUSING CORPORATION IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT LOWEST BID OR PROVIDE EXPLANATION OF REJECTION OF A BID.

2. SEVEN OF 38 INDIVIDUAL AND CONSORTIA TO WHOM MARCH 3

LETTER IS ADDRESSED APPEAR TO BE AMERICAN--LEO A. DALY, LOUIS BERGER INTERNATIONAL, INC. (WITH SOCIETE CENTRALE POUR L'EQUIPMENT DU TERRITOIRE), DAVID A, CRANE & PARTNERS, THE ARCHITECTS COLLABORATIVE, HENNINGSON DURHAM RICHARDSON INTERNATIONAL (WITH E.D.A.W. INC.), PERKINS & WILL INTERNATIONAL, AND TAMS (WITH S.J.A.). OF THESE, LOUIS BERGER, DAVID A. CRANE, AND TAMS HAVE NOT INDICATED TO HOUSING CORPORATION LOCAL CONSULTANT WITH WHOM THEY ARE ASSOCIATED. AS CONSEQUENCE, CORPORATION HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DELIVER MARCH 3 LETTER AND ENCLOSURES TO LOUIS BERGER INTERNATIONAL AND DAVID A. CRANE & PARTNERS. EMBASSY IS NOW HOLDING THIS MATERIAL. ACTION REQUESTED OF USDOC: CONTACT LOUIS BERGER AND DAVID A. CRANE TO ADVISE THEM THAT EMBASSY IS HOLDING MATERIAL FOR THEM AND THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW AND TO WHOM TO FORWARD IT.

3. FYI-WE HAVE RECEIVED COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM NERSESIAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS OF BETHESADA, MD., WHICH HAD RESPONDED TO INITIATION TO QUALIFY, URGING EMBASSY TO PRESS FOR SELECTION OF US FIRM. DIRECTOR OF HOUSING CORPORATION HAS ADVISED US PRIVATELY THAT NERSESIAN WAS NOT INCLUDED IN PRESENT LIST OF THIRTY-EIGHT AS IT FAILED TO DEMONSTRATE COMPETENCE TO UNDERTAKE WORK ON PROJECT OF SIZE OF NEW CITY. END FYI.

4. DIRECTOR OF HOUSING CORPORATION INFORMALLY ESTIMATES PRICE TAG FOR NEW CITY AT ABOUT \$160 MILLION US. QUESTION OF FINANCING NEW CITY PROJECT HAS YET TO BE SERIOUSLY ADDRESSED BY GOJ.

5. HOUSING CORPORATION'S LIST OF 38 INCLUDES MANY HIGHLY REGARDED INTERNATIONAL FIRMS ENGAGED IN NEW TOWN PLANNING.
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WE EXPECT COMPETITION FOR AWARD OF DESIGN STUDY TO BE VERY KEEN.
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